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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 132 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/49/947.

2. The Fifth Committee further considered the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" at its 69th meeting on 13 September 1995, having before it a letter dated 14 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/956) regarding the relocation of Belarus to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/49/SR.69).

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

4. At the 69th meeting, on 13 September 1995, the representative of Mexico, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled: "Relocation of Belarus to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232" (A/C.5/49/L.70), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Belarus stated the following:

"Belarus will continue to support a comprehensive reform of the United Nations regular budget scale of assessments and the peace-keeping operations financing budget on the basis of the principle of capacity to pay.

"Taking into account the terms of adoption and the outcome of General Assembly resolution 49/249 of 20 July 1995, the proposed neutral ad hoc arrangement to place Belarus among the Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 will have no negative financial implications for the United Nations membership.

"It would make it possible for Belarus to make every effort to fulfil its financial obligations in relation to peace-keeping operations, taking into consideration the provisions contained in General Assembly decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994.

"On the basis of the expected positive consideration of the request of Belarus for reclassification from group B to group C, the Government of Belarus intends to deal with its arrears for the financing of peace-keeping operations, taking into account the principle of capacity to pay.

"At the present time, a possible procedure and timetable for payments of its arrears are being considered by the Government of Belarus.

"The Government of Belarus will inform the General Assembly during its fiftieth session of its intentions in this matter.

"The delegation of Belarus also hopes that a spirit of mutual responsibility and constructive compromise will continue to drive our joint work in the framework of the Fifth Committee on other issues with the aim of achieving a sound financial basis for the effective work of the United Nations."

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.70 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

(See A/C.5/49/L.70)